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Serial No. : 09/673,532  
For : IMAGE SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING AN ADAPTATION PROCESS ON AN IMAGE SIGNAL (AS AMENDED)  
Filed : November 27, 2000  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
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☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	54	Minus	** =84	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	12	Minus	*** =24	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

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\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action which issued March 14, 2006, please  
consider the following amendments and remarks in the above-referenced application.